

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

1) The Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

The following change is made to the initial statement of reasons, which is hereby incorporated by reference:

The current language is limited to the process of conducting hearings by telephone, television, or other electronic means. The new language specifies that the department may grant a continuance of ~~continue~~ the hearing if it cannot be clearly recorded.

2) Imposition of Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

The department's regulatory action adopting Section 115.07 in Article 2.4, Driver Safety, Chapter 1, Division 1, of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts and imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency, (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, (3) no other nondiscretionary cost or savings to local agencies, and (4) no costs or savings in federal funding to the state. No studies or data were relied upon to make this determination.

3) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The proposal was noticed on October 4, 2002, and made available to the public from October 4, 2002 through November 18, 2002. No comments were received on the regulatory proposal.

4) Determination of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative considered by the department, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which these regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations. During the rulemaking process no alternative that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small business was submitted.